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1. It is reported that the Bolivian government plans to arrest and deport mine labor leaders Juan Lechin,\* Mario Torres, and Guillermo Lora. This information has also been confirmed by sources in the Patino enterprises.
2. The arrests are expected to be made after army and police reinforcements arrive in the mining area.

**Comment.** On 7 February 1949, the Minister of Labor, Fernando Loayza Beltran, who was in Catavi to complete a personal investigation of conditions there, was seized and detained by a group of angry miners who had been informed that Juan Lechin had been arrested by the government. Loayza was not released until Lechin arrived at Catavi and the miners saw that he was free.

**Comment.** In view of the complications which might be caused by the arrest of these labor leaders, reconsideration by the government is a distinct possibility.

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